

was later shocked and angered into a victorious response to the atrocities of the imperial Government of Japan, as well as Nazi Germany.

Yesterday, our democracy suffered the 21st century's equivalent of Pearl Harbor, and our shocked and angry Nation stands in strong support of President Bush's efforts and commitment to identify and hold accountable those who initiated, planned, and coordinated this terrorist assault on the American people in New York City and our Nation's Capital.

The question today is, Mr. Speaker, have we had enough. The people I represent have made it clear that they support and want appropriate and immediate action. We must identify and destroy the terrorist network wherever it exists.

We must move quickly and we must strengthen our intelligent military capabilities. I am committed to working with my colleagues in a nonpartisan partnership with the President to accomplish these goals.

America is a great Nation with enduring institutions of freedom that will withstand the onslaughts of the forces of evil. We must stand together. We must be strong. Our freedoms matter. We must protect our freedoms and guarantee the security of our people. God bless America.

AMERICA HAS A HISTORIC ROLE TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND FREEDOM'S LIGHT

(Mr. MARKEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday America walked through the eye of terror's perfect storm. Thousands of American families were hideously drafted into a war that they only dimly perceived. But today we emerge from the ashes of hate and horror, of evil, reminded that America has a historical mission in the world to uphold freedom's light and defend it against every and all attempts to snuff it out.

The great American, William Lloyd Garrison, once said, "With reasonable men I will reason, with humane men I will plead; but to tyrants, I will show no quarter, nor waste my arguments."

Today, Congress and the President and the American people are saying to the world, "With reasonable men we will reason, with humane men we will plead, but to agents of modern terror, we will not waste our arguments, because we will show them no quarter."

THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH DAKOTA AND THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA DEMAND JUSTICE

(Mr. THUNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, we are one America, one family. When one of us suffers, we all suffer.

I have been reading e-mails from my constituents in South Dakota.

"We grieve with our brothers and sisters in New York and Virginia, in Maryland and D.C. South Dakotans are praying for you, and we support you. You have been there for us. We will be there for you."

To the rest of America, let me say that South Dakota stands ready to support our President in defending and protecting American citizens and American freedoms. To the terrorist world, let me say that they have declared war on a sleeping giant.

The people of South Dakota and the people of America demand justice. If they are terrorists, they can run but they cannot hide. We are coming after them. We will find them, and there will be a reckoning.

AMERICANS MUST REAFFIRM THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today we as Americans must reaffirm our allegiance to the United States of America, and as we stand here today, men and women all over this Nation are drawn to New York and drawn to Virginia and the Pentagon helping to recover, helping to discover and find our loved ones.

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But we must resolve that this terrorism and this terrorist act will not undermine our constitution, will not undermine our resolve and will not undermine our faith.

To the injured and the families of the victims, I offer His amazing grace. To the firefighters and police officers who have fallen, we thank you for your sacrifice.

We ask people of all faiths all over the world to take us to the level of weeding out these terrorists because we will not attack recklessly but we will attack with purpose.

I love America, and I love this home of the brave and the free.

THE GRAY WAR

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, the bloodiest attack in American history occurred yesterday, September 11, 2001, a date which will live in infamy. Life in America as we know it will change.

Let us, as Members of Congress, and more importantly as Americans, re-

solve to help these families who lost loved ones in this cowardly attack and provide the necessary resources to both the people in New York and Washington, D.C. to aid in the recovery and assist these families.

The attacks yesterday remind us of the shock and horror experienced in Pearl Harbor. We must and will work to ensure that this barbarism never occurs again.

So, my colleagues, we won World War I, II, and the Cold War, but now we must prevail in what is called the "Gray War." The "Gray War" is a war against the faceless specter of terrorism. We will prevail here also.

THIS ACT OF WAR WILL BE AVENGED

(Ms. BERKLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BERKLEY. Yesterday, a heinous and cowardly act was perpetrated against this great Nation. My heart and the hearts of my constituents go out to the families of the victims. No American family, no family on Earth should suffer the loss of a loved and cherished one under these circumstances. We must ensure that these innocent men and women will not have died in vain.

To those terrorists who dared to violate our people and our country and those nations who harbor and give aid and comfort to those pathetic excuses for human beings, I promise you, we will identify you, we will find you, we will rid this world of the stench of your existence.

There is no such thing as a measured response to this horrific attack. This act of war will be avenged. Our beloved Nation will learn from this outrage, and we will be a stronger and far greater Nation for it. God bless our people; God bless America.

CONDEMNATION OF COWARDLY ACT OF WAR

(Mr. SHUSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the cowardly act of war set upon our country. My thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families, and the citizens of this great country.

As each one of us attempts to come to terms with this dastardly deed, the use of innocent civilians as a means to carry out this act was appalling. Unfortunately for our perpetrators, our resolve has been strengthened. This horrendous act has brought our Nation closer together, not farther apart, as I am sure was the intention. America now has a stronger will than any cowardly act like this can break.